President.—The stations are Irinjalakkuda, Chalakkudi, etc.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Have the Government exported fuel outside the State ?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—I do not understand the question.

President.—The question is whether any fuel is exported outside the State by the Government itself.

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—No.

159. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have considered about the future fuel problem; and, if so, will they be pleased to place all the papers regarding same on the table ?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—No.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased at least to do it in future, since the number of factories are increasing every day ?

President.—You must bring it in the form of a resolution.

Additional Judges.

160. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state the names of the Additional Judges appointed for the last 10 years and the pay allowed to each of them ?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—The Member is referred to the *Civil Lists* for the last 10 years.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know the pay of the present Additional District Judge ?

President.—Rs. 350.

Mr. T. A. Ramahcandra Ayyar.—From the *Civil List* I saw that the Additional Judges were paid Rs. 400. May I know the reason for this preferential treatment ?

President.—Government considered it enough.

Tenders for the removal of timber.

161. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—In the answer to question No. 12 of the legislative session of 1103, will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) for what species of timber is the rate Rs. 1-1-0 per candy allowed to the contractor ;

(b) whether the measurement referred to in the answer is taken after sawing or before ;

(c) whether it was a condition in the invitation for tenders that sawing will be allowed to the contractor ?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—(a) Chorakali, Karayini, Chembilavu and Karakayitha.

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(b) No measurement is referred to in the answer to question No. 12.

(c) The condition of sawing was not shown in the tender notification.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is it specified in the contract that the contractor is to take only these timbers?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—Yes.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—(b) Is not candy a measurement, Sir?

President.—Yes.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—But here it is stated 'no measurement is referred to in the answer to question No. 12.'

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—Candy is cubical contents and not a measurement.

President.—Cubical contents is length into breadth into thickness, and that is measurement.

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—The result is candy, that is, volume, and not measurement.

President.—Measurement of timber is obtained by multiplying length into breadth into thickness, and converting it into candies. That is the only measurement possible.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Cubic measurement, as the Member says, is also a measurement.

President.—You say 'candy' here. Is there any reference to candies in any place?

Mr T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Yes. There is in (b).

President.—So that, candy is a measurement.

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—It is cubical contents and not measurement. What is stated here is the result of the measurement and not the measurement itself. I hold it, Sir.

President.—These are things held *bona fide* by one. Mr. Govinda Menon says *bona fide* that it is not a measurement. What I understood was that the measurement of timber is measurement obtained by multiplying length into breadth into thickness and reducing it to candies. You do not arrive at the price of timber by length, breadth and thickness. Only by the candies you fix the value. So candy is a measurement.

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—It is a unit for fixing the price.

President.—But how is it you fix the value of timber?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—By different measurements you find the volume, and the value is fixed for the volume reduced to a unit.

President.—But you want to know the length, breadth and thickness to find that volume. Is it not measurement?

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Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—In ordinary language 'candy' is a measurement but in technical language it is not.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—We are only ordinary people, and we are not technical people. So we have understood candy as a measurement.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—30 cubic feet—is it a measurement or not?

President.—Plain men take it as a measurement.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—We are ordinary people, and we can understand only ordinary things. If an extraordinary thing comes in, let us be made to understand it.

President.—I think candy is a measurement with reference to timber.

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—When he asked for measurement, I did not take it in that light.

President.—Can you reconsider your opinion regarding this?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—I am sorry.

President.—Why are you sorry for?

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—My question only refers to the result of the measurement.

President.—In check-measuring what do you do? The point is you make out a distinction without a difference. That is all I have to say.

Now then, taking that measurement has been given, what will be the answer?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—The measurement is taken before sawing.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Then, after sawing out the timber, was there any re-measurement?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—No, Sir. But there is a re-measurement. For before sawing 1/3 is added to the total volume. If there is any reduction, we do not make any allowance.

President.—If there is excess, you levy more. So it is for this purpose you collect 1/3 more at the beginning?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—That is why we collect 1/3 more.

President.—But you levy additional fee if there is any excess. So re-measuring is necessary after sawing, for that purpose.

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—Only the total is taken. We leave one-third for sawing.

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President.—What Mr. Ramachandra Ayyar asks is, is there a re-measurement after the sawing is over.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—In the permits given to this sawn timber, which measurement is taken? Is it the measurement before sawing or after sawing?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—In the first pass the measurement before sawing is noted.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—How many kinds of permits are issued?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—Two kinds of permits are issued.

President.—So, for the pass issued for sawn timber, I think you will have to re-measure.

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—Yes, Sir. There is re-measurement.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Supposing there are defects in the logs after sawing, will they allow any concession for that?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—No.

President.—He takes the risk. Is that not so?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—Yes, Sir.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know whether sawing will be allowed to the contractor? Is it a condition for tenders, and if so, why was it not shown, Sir?

President.—What is the object of showing that?

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—It is because people may know that they can saw in the place, and because it is not allowed generally.

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—I cannot give an answer to a negative point.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is sawing on the spot allowed to all?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—It is not a general rule. After the acceptance of tenders, if they apply for permission for sawing on the spot, they will be allowed.

President.—Sawing is not allowed as a matter of course. It will be allowed, and sometimes it will be refused.

Stamped and unstamped teak logs at Parakkadavu.

162. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether Mr. T. Narayana Menon, Divisional Forest Officer, accompanied by forester Mr. K. Achyuta Menon visited the Vilikkamukku Estate for stamping logs, etc., in Chingam 1101;

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